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Form PTO 1449 listing each of the cited documents and a photocopy of each are enclosed herewith. German patent document DE 1,620,918 B is in the German language and a translation is being obtained and will be submitted. Similarly, a translation of Swiss patent document CH 581,493 is being obtained and will be submitted.

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A number of the cited patent documents were identified in a Partial International Search and/or in a Written Opinion, both issued in connection with a PCT application corresponding to this U.S. application. A copy of each is also enclosed.

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Applicant does not intend to represent that any of the documents submitted herein is material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

Respectfully submitted,
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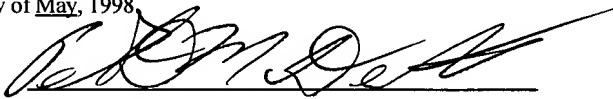
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